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**Group Art Unit: 2161**

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, the Applicant amends and remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.